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Sleep State §

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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JUNE 10, 2004

Dear Sir:

Please amend the claims in accordance with the following CLAIM AMENDMENTS section; and consider the comments in the following REMARKS section.

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Claims 2-10 are patentable for at least the reason that these claims depend from an allowable claim.

§ 103 Rejections of Claims 11-26:

As amended, the computer of independent claim 11 and the system of independent claim 19 each includes a circuit to in response to a computer being in a predetermined sleep state, couple a load to conduct current from a supply voltage plane of the computer to ground to prevent a back-driven voltage on the supply voltage plane.

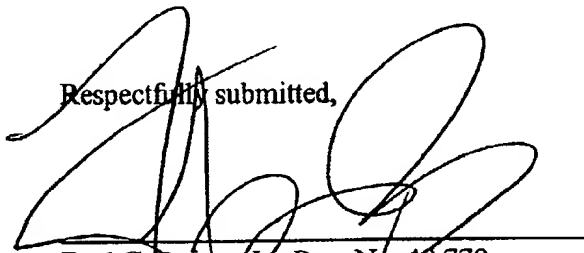
See discussion of independent claim 1 above. In particular, neither the AAPA nor Suzuki teaches or suggests a circuit to couple a load to conduct current from a supply voltage plane to ground to prevent a back-driven voltage. In this regard, the 100 k Ω resistor disclosed in Suzuki would not prevent a back-driven voltage. Thus, for at least this reason, independent claims 11 and 19 overcome the § 103(a) rejections, as the combination of Suzuki and the AAPA fails to teach or suggest all claim limitations.

Claims 12-18 and 20-26 are patentable for at least the reason that these claims depend from an allowable claim.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, withdrawal of the § 103 rejections and a favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance are requested. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-1504 (ITL.0577US).

Respectfully submitted,



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